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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: An open letter concerning the Microsoft Anti-trust settlement

To whom it may concern:

I am categorically and diametrically opposed to any settlement with Microsoft corporation that:

1. Fails to severely punish Microsoft for its crimes, and
2. Does not apply the strongest remedies available to prevent those crimes from reoccurring

You must make absolutely certain that Microsoft is forever prevented from ever again using its ill gotten market dominance and vast cash reserves to stifle fair competition and innovation in the U.S. computer industry. The damage already done has been great, but make no mistake - this company continues to use the same methods today that initiated this case. From all indications, it will continue to do so until strong legal action is taken to stop it.

History will look back on this critical case and harshly judge whether our judicial system succeeded or failed when faced with such incomprehensible wealth and corrupting power. If you do not stop Microsoft at this time - and the hour is very late indeed - it will soon complete its stranglehold on all areas of the U.S. computer industry including the Internet and beyond and thus destroy the last great competitive advantage our country retains in the world market.

History has clearly proven such rogue monopolies to be intrinsically the enemies of our democracy and free market system. Let this duly convicted criminal monopoly know you recognize it for what it truly is.

Highest regards,
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